

REMARKS

In an office action dated January 12, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-10 were allowed.

Applicants have amended the Specification to update the cross-reference to a related application filed on the same date. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants have amended claim 11 to address the non-statutory subject matter rejection. Specifically, applicants have replaced “signal-bearing media” (which, as used in the Specification, includes transmission media) with “tangible computer recordable type media”, consistent with the Examiner’s suggestion. As amended, claim 11 recites a program product embodied as executable instructions which are recorded on tangible computer recordable type media, various examples of which are given in the Specification. I.e., the claims recite an actual physical mechanism (the tangible recordable type media) having executable instructions recorded thereon, and which, in conjunction with another physical mechanism (the computer), performs a recited function. As such, amended claim 11 recites statutory subject matter. Claims 12-20 are dependent on claim 11 and include the same limitation.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. In addition, the

Eaminer is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney by telephone if there are outstanding issues left to be resolved to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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